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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR  
DEVELOPMENT ( CSTD)

1. SUMMARY: IN GENERAL DEBATE OF MARCH 14 THE GROUP OF 77 INTRODUCED A PROPOSED REVISION OF THE GOALS AND TARGETS OF THE INT' L DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE OBLIGATIONS LEVIED ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. EGYPT, SPEAKING FOR GROUP OF 77, SAID THAT RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THIS SESSION OF CSTD SETTING NEW TARGETS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNDER THE INT' L DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS FOLLOWS:

(1) LESS- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE THEIR EXPENDITURE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH GOAL OF ACHIEVING LEVEL OF 1 PERCENT OF GNP BY END OF DECADE; (2) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO LDC' S FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH GOAL OF ACHIEVING LEVEL OF .05 PER CENT OF THEIR GNP BY 1975; AND, (3) DC' S WILL INCREASE PROPORTION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEVOTED TO PROBLEMS OF LDC' S REACHING A LEVEL OF 10 PER CENT OF THEIR TOTAL R & D EXPENDITURES  
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BY END OF DECADE.

3. IN GENERAL STATEMENTS, BRAZIL, YUGOSLAVIA, CHILE, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL. BRAZIL MADE STATISTIC-LADEN STATEMENT STRESSING NEED FOR QUANTIFICATION OF GOALS AND TARGETS OF IDS AND ECNDORSING THE PROPOSED NEW TARGETS. STATEMENTS BY CHILE, MEXICO, VENEZUELA AND UNCTAD STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF TRANSFRER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

GENERAL STATEMENTS BY CANADA AND BYELORUSSIA AVOIDED QUESTIONS OF GOALS AND TARGETS.

4. COMMENT: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF DC DELEGATES (INCLUDING USSR) ATTENDING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY US ON FEB 14 SEEMED TO BE THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID HAVING GOALS AND TARGETS OF INT'L DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE OF THIS SESSION. INCLINATION OF WEO'S IS TO RESIST LDC'S INITIATIVES FIRMLY. TENOR OF US DELS REMARKS TO OTHER DELEGATIONS HAS BEEN THAT SETTING ASSISTANCE TARGETS BEFORE THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF CONTENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS IS INAPPROPRIATE.

5. AS DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE DEVELOPS, US IS HOPEFUL THAT USS WILL LEND CAUTIOUS SUPPORT TO OUR POSITION. MEMBER USSR DEL TOLD MISOFF USSR WILL NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE 77 DRAFT RES BUT WILL ABSTAIN IN VOTING.

PROPOSAL OF 77 FOR NEW TARGETS OF IDS WOULD INCREASE OBLIGATIONS OF DC'S WHILE LEAVING UNCHANGED TARGET FOR LDC'S. PRESENTLY, THE STRATEGY CALLS FOR DC ASSISTANCE TO LDCS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF .05 PERCENT OF DC GNP BY END OF DECADE AND PROPORTION OF RESEARCH DEVELOPED TO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF 5 PER CENT OF TOTAL R & D EXPENDITURES.  
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